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In re the application of: Confirmation No.: 5288  
Del Soldato Group Art Unit: 1616  
Application Serial No.: 09/926,322 Examiner: Badio, B.P.  
Filed: October 15, 2001 Attorney Docket No.: 026220-00013  
For: Pharmaceutical Compounds

December 27, 2004

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of two (2) months for responding to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated October 4, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), attached is a check in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the extension fee for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00013.

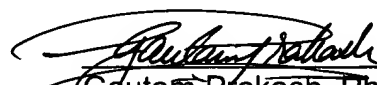
Respectfully submitted,

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